



LOSSIEMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in

The Seaview Suite Main Town Hall

On Tuesday 16 June 2009

Sederunt	Mr Bill McLean	Chairman
	Mr Ian White	Vice-Chairman
	Mr Tom Bothwell	
	Mr Des Donaldson	
	Mr Charles French	
	Mrs Anna-Mary Overing	
	Ms Joyce Stewart	
	Ms Helen Macintosh	Secretary/Treasurer

Present Mr Bill McLean, Ms Helen MacIntosh, Mr Tom Bothwell, Mr Charles French, Mr Des Donaldson, Mrs Anna-Mary Overing, Cllr Dave Stewart, Cllr Allan Wright, PC Roy Thomson (Grampian Police), Mrs Carolle Ralph, Mrs Fiona McPherson (Northern Scot).

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1930hrs after welcoming all those attending.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
1	Apologies. Apologies were received from Vice-Chairman Ian White and Mrs Joyce Stewart.	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record of that meeting and signed as such by the Chairman.	The Chairman
3	Matters Arising. <u>Police report.</u> PC Roy Thomson gave a very good report on local issues, as follows:- -Crime numbers are back to normal. -Grampian Police is busy investigating the recent robbery in Hopeman Post Office. -They are also busy undertaking a Partnership program with schools, especially highlighting the dangers of fire-raising. -Speeding cars on Inchbroom Road in the vicinity of the cemetery is being monitored. -Mr Tom Bothwell mentioned concerns over the increase in cars parked on the road at the bend outside the 1629 Restaurant. This is a nuisance and creates real difficulties in driving visibility and manoeuvring in that vicinity. Roy expressed agreement but is not empowered to do anything since there are no yellow lines.	

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	<p>Members thanked Roy for his report and attendance which were most welcome.</p> <p><u>Coulardbank Road proposed upgrade to neglected land.</u> A response to our initial query was promised from the Moray Council by 16 June.</p> <p><u>White line upgrading.</u> Mrs Joyce Stewart sent a message with pleasure that her white lines had been duly completed.</p> <p><u>Planning.</u> Mr Alan Short was unable to attend this meeting and it is hoped a date can be re-arranged.</p> <p><u>Blind corner at Seatown.</u> Cllr David Stewart informed the group that warning signs are now up, informing of narrowing of the road and oncoming traffic.</p> <p><u>RAF Lossiemouth.</u> Sarah Riley-Evans will apparently be off sick for another 6 weeks.</p> <p><u>West Beach Café.</u> This is expected to be open next weekend.</p> <p><u>Buggy-style beach access project.</u> Mrs Anna-Mary Overing informed the group that she is sourcing suitable vehicles and costing etc along with support from the LBA, and the idea has gone to Moray Council for approval.</p> <p><u>Thorn's Brae pavement/cycle path.</u> Cllr Alan Wright will look into the exact location and possible feasibility of this query which was raised last month by Mr Frank Ralph.</p>	
4	<p>Planning Applications.</p> <p>No contentious applications were raised, although the proposed name for some 20 apartments was deemed inappropriate and the CC decided on 'Stotfield Court'.</p>	
5	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>See list attached to agenda.</p>	Secretary
6	<p>Citizen of the Year.</p> <p>Members are reminded to bear this topic in mind for upcoming meetings so we can discuss potential candidates.</p>	

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7	<p>Any Other Competent Business.</p> <p><u>Beach Safety.</u> Mrs Carolle Ralph raised serious concerns over the recent incidents of children getting into difficulties in the water, and spoke of having contacted many agencies requesting their support and advice. Mrs Ralph suggested buoys be located at some areas, or perhaps a red-flag system be deployed, or an American-style lifeguard system.</p> <p>Some of the proposals were deemed to be out of reach due to funding, although long-term they may be worthwhile, but warning signs were a quick and manageable possibility and Cllr David Stewart offered to have these done through the Moray Council if appropriate wording could be established.</p> <p>Cllr Alan Wright will investigate who is responsible for beach safety in communities.</p> <p>Nobody in attendance knew who is responsible for upkeep and maintenance of current lifebuoys.</p> <p>All agreed that we hope to achieve paramount safety on the beaches but many options would require expert advice and/or additional funding.</p> <p>---</p> <p><u>Planning.</u> In the absence of Cllr Alan Short, Cllr Alan Wright re-iterated that CC's <u>will</u> remain as statutory Consultees. This is not so when referring to ongoing unresolved matters, however an officer can take such issues to committee if it's in the 'wider interest of the community'.</p> <p>---</p> <p><u>Tennis Courts.</u> Cllr David Stewart stated that nets are going up on the tennis courts at Marine Park and it is hoped these will remain unspoiled.</p> <p>---</p> <p><u>Horses on cycle path.</u> Mr Charles French stated that he had witnessed 3 horses on the cycle path alongside the Lossiemouth to Elgin road, forcing pedestrians and cyclists to avert their path. He also said the horses had fouled the path, which was not cleaned up.</p> <p>The secretary will look into this matter.</p>	Secretary
8	<p>Time and Date of Next Meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held in the Seaview Suite, Town Hall on Tuesday 21 July 2009 at 1930hrs.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2130hrs.

Signed:(W. McLean).....Chairman

Date: